



## **Press Release**

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### **Water Agency Responds to Grape Processing Discharge Overflow in Sonoma, CA**

(Santa Rosa, CA) — Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) officials today responded to a report that grape processing discharge from the Sebastiani Winery had overflowed from a manhole at the intersection of East Spain Street and East Fourth Street in Sonoma, California. A work crew was dispatched to the site and found the overflow had stopped prior to their arrival. The overflow and discharge does not pose any known public health risks.

The overflow was due to an excess amount of grape processing waste discharged into the sewer pipeline. Water Agency officials are working cooperatively with Sebastiani Winery to evaluate the sewer system in order to rectify the recurring problem and prevent future incidents.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Office of Emergency Services, the Sonoma County Environmental Health Department and the California Department of Fish and Game were notified of the overflow. The overflow occurred in a sewer line that is part of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District sewer collection system which is operated by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

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